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Coming Events

AUGUST 31 — Friday. Meeting of Richmond Hill Council at the Municipal Hall at 7 p.m. Delegations wishing to appear are requested to advise the village clerk three days in advance. clw9

SEPTEMBER 4 — Tuesday. Is the opening date for Thornhill Community Nursery Kindergarten, Arnold St., Thornhill. Application for enrollment can be obtained from Mrs. Percival, phone 307J Thornhill. clw9

SEPTEMBER 5 — Wed. Weekly euchre at Army, Navy and Air Force Club, Stop 12C Yonge St., held every Wednesday night at 8.30. clw8

SEPTEMBER 5 — Wed. Regular meeting of Doncaster Ratepayers' Association at Powell Road School. clw9

SEPTEMBER 5 — Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. corn roast sponsored by War Brides Association to be held at home of Mrs. Ena Lunau, 35 Roosevelt Drive, Stop 20A. Admission 75c per couple. All welcome. clw9

SEPTEMBER 7 — Friday evening. Corn roast sponsored by the Teston United Church Choir in aid of the organ fund. Everyone welcome. To be held at Charlie Robson's farm. clw9

SEPTEMBER 9 — Sunday. Registration of children and young people at St. Mary's Anglican Sunday School at 10 a.m. All over three years invited. clw9

SEPTEMBER 9 — Sunday. Those who prefer an Evening Service will be glad to know that at St. Mary's Anglican Church the 7.30 p.m. service will be resumed on this date. All are invited. clw9

Squash Takes To Rails To Gain Speed

There are many fine flower and vegetable gardens in the district this year. Ross Stewart of King has a particularly fine one which has produced some beautiful yields.

The growth and yield of his butter beans has been described as "terrific". And squash — well you should just see them. One day recently he telephoned a neighbour for help asking him to run out quickly to help catch some squash vines which were heading up the tracks faster than he could cope with them.

Separate School Ready To Open

The doors of the Richmond Hill Separate School will swing open on September 4, to welcome its young students to another term. It is expected that the registration figure will remain approximately the same as last year's with slightly over 100 pupils in attendance plus any others who may register on the first day of school. Thus the school will be full but in no way overcrowded. The teachers are happily looking forward to meeting their pupils.

Thugs Attack & Rob Man At Elgin Mills

Last Friday evening Mr. Jack McLaughlin of 15 Page Avenue, York Township was roughly treated and robbed at the corner of Bathurst and Elgin Mills by several young hoodlums. Earlier in the same evening Mr. McLaughlin had been accosted by the thieves at the corner of Danforth and Greenwood Streets and forced to spend several hours driving around East York. He was finally brought up to Elgin Mills and Bathurst where they attacked him and stole \$200.00 and his 1947 Dodge car. The victim suffered several head bruises and three broken ribs. The Toronto City Police have since recovered the stolen car.

King City Resident Has Very Beautiful Garden

Mr. John Nimmo has a wonderful showing of Cleome, in the border of her driveway, and it is a sight worth a visit to see. There are over a hundred sturdy plants, covered with large gossamer flowers in shades of pink, mauve, and white.

Mrs. Nimmo has been successful in the cultivation of cleome, or spider plant for the past two years and last autumn collected the seed from her largest blossoms. These seeds she planted in her greenhouse in March and transplanted in the spring. Now there is an avenue of these lovely flowers about 4 feet in height.

The Cleome, or spider plant, is a native of tropical America and Africa, and although an annual here, is a perennial in its natural state and grows into a flowering shrub. In Canada, it has been developed for the past five or six years, and is becoming a very popular showy garden decoration able to survive the first attacks

of frost. The first Canadian plant was pink, and was called Pink Queen, according to Miss Jane Little of Richmond Hill. Miss Little is a student of floriculture at Cornell University entering her junior year in a few weeks, and she kindly offered information about this new flower. She says that a yellow strain has been developed in the south western United States but is not satisfactory here yet. Last year the white strain was accidentally developed by Mrs. Helen Campbell of Lorne Park, Ont., and the white flowers that have been so lovely this summer have been given her name, the Helen Campbell.

Mrs. Nimmo says that the Cleome is self-seeding and she expects even a greater show in her garden next summer. Besides being an addition to the garden, the flower is very attractive for indoor arrangements. Its only fault is a minty smell, which may become unpleasant after a day or two in the house.

Liberal Scribe Visits Ex On The Opening Day

(by our Oak Ridges correspondent, Mrs. C. L. Stephenson)

Opening day is always the most important at the Exhibition. This year was no exception. Passing the Royal York just as General George Marshall's car arrived with its pale blue flag with four stars waving in the breeze made a fitting start to a most interesting day. Later at the opening luncheon where Mrs. Marshall was guest of honor, dressed in navy blue with white hat, the receiving line included our own Kate Aitken, who looked charming in a white suit with small white hat trimmed with two black wings. Mrs. Ray Lawson, Mrs. R. C. Berkinshaw, wife of the president of the Exhibition, looking very beautiful in a navy silk suit and pink hat, Mrs. Stanley Woodward, wife of the American Ambassador and Mrs. Orson Neilson wife of the American Consul at Toronto. Also in the receiving line was Mrs. Odette Churchill (her husband is a cousin of Winston Churchill). She, you will remember, was a member of the French Underground, and saved her husband's life and he escaped back to England. She herself was captured by the Germans and suffered torture rather than give the enemy the information they wanted. After the war she went to England to marry the man she had met in France during the war. She is in Canada chaperoning the fifty-one girls in the Garfield Weston party.

The luncheon opened with The King, and then in honor of the American guests the Star Spangled Banner was played. We were asked to express our thanks to God by singing the Doxology, after which Mrs. Marshall said Grace.

The list of head table guests introduced by Mrs. Aitken was very long, all women well known in Ontario and indeed in Canada. The mayors' wives of most of the cities were present. My table companion was Mrs. Childs, wife of the mayor of Woodstock. It was not possible to seat them all at the head table, but Mrs. Aitken assured them they were all head table guests.

Mrs. Marshall expressed her delight at being here with her husband and his 1947 Dodge car. The victim suffered several head bruises and three broken ribs. The Toronto City Police have since recovered the stolen car.

Prize Winners At The Ex.

Many from this district are among competitors in various competitions at the C.N.E. We would appreciate the co-operation of such competitors or their friends in advising us of prizes and awards won. Just telephone The Liberal, Richmond Hill 9, or drop us a note in the mail.

A. Jones Gored To Death By Bull

The residents of Maple district were shocked and saddened on hearing of the untimely death of Mr. Alfred Jones. Mr. Jones, a 56-year-old employee of the Maple Cattle Breeders Association was trampled and gored to death by a 1700 pound Holstein bull in the barnyard of the Association's farm last Thursday.

The body of the dead man was discovered sometime later by a fellow employee, Mr. Scott Clarkson. When Clarkson arrived on the scene the bull was standing peacefully in the yard. He took the bull's lead and led him back to his stall. At the time of the accident Mr. Jones had been leading the bull to the exercise ring behind the barn.

Police reported that the victim's head had been battered against a rack and his chest caved in.

Mr. A. E. Smith, supervisor of the farm stated that the bull had always been docile but that like any other bull he was untrustworthy. He said that Mr. Jones had been doing the same job he had done countless times in the past and that he knew how to handle the animal. He felt no need to destroy the bull and refused to identify it.

Dr. J. Bigford of Maple was called and pronounced the man dead. Coroner Dr. J. P. Wilson of Richmond Hill ordered an autopsy. An inquest will be held.

Farmers Urged To Treat Wheat

Wheat growers of the province have suffered one of the heaviest losses in years from stinking smut or bunt in their winter wheat which has rendered the wheat unsaleable and some is even unfit for livestock according to W. M. Cockburn, Newmarket Agricultural Representative for York County. He urges all farmers to treat all seed wheat with one of the commercial mercury dusts or have their seed treated at a seed cleaning plant. No variety of wheat is resistant to the stinking smut.

Some cases have been found where home treatment was not thoroughly done with the result there was considerable smut at threshing or harvest time. Last spring through the co-operation of the York Crop Improvement Association some home-made treaters were made available. Plans for these can be obtained from Mr. Cockburn's office as well as the new bulletin just off the press entitled "Control of Grain Smuts."

Whitchurch Council Regular Meeting

Whitchurch Council met in the Council Chambers Thursday, August 23. Councillor McCarron said the Briggs Construction Company were ready to proceed with the north road into Lake Wilcox. The Department of Highways and Reeve Elton Armstrong of King had agreed to do the necessary work on the Yonge Street culvert and cleaning out the creek bed in King Township in order that the water in ditches on the Whitchurch side will be able to make its way to the Don Valley Watershed.

Council agreed to pay half the bill from Newmarket fire department re accident on Yonge Street early in July when a car was burned. Whitchurch's share was \$32.50. Council also agreed to purchase the James Henry Guthrie property for \$1,250.00, and passed a claim for sheep killed by dogs on the property of W. H. Anderson on May 12. Four sheep killed \$160.00; and on May 2, two sheep were killed, \$80.00, making a total of \$240.00.

Police were instructed to watch gravel trucks on township roads for overloading. Complaints were received re septic tanks overflowing into the road. The clerk was instructed to ask for legal advice in regard to putting a stop to this health menace. Fifty-five miles of road were sprayed with oil at cost of \$3.50 an hour for 65 hours.

LINDSAY: Mr. G. H. Wilson, former proprietor of Lindsay Daily Post celebrated his 94th birthday on August 23.

Beautiful High School Ready For Students

Richmond Hill District High School will open its doors next week to an estimated 400 students from Richmond Hill and district when it embarks on the 1951-52 school year. This according to its popular Principal, Mr. A. S. Elson, is an increase of some 80 pupils over last year's enrolment.

The old R.H.H.S. of former days will be barely distinguishable to its loyal sons and daughters, as a new addition has transformed it into one of the most modern, well-equipped institutions of learning in the country. Included in the new wing is a large gymnasium with a spectator's gallery and spacious stage at one end. Adjoining the gym are the boys' and girls' shower rooms. The old and smaller gymnasium has been converted into a cafeteria whose modern steam table will serve piping hot lunches to students and teachers this winter. The household science room is a bright cheery kitchen, on a large scale of course, furnished with the latest in stoves, cooking uten-

sils and cupboards galore! Just along the hall is the sewing room, complete with fitting room and space to hang the finished garments. And for the not-to-be-forgotten males there is a workshop equipped with the latest in woodworking tools. In addition, the school boasts of an art room, a laboratory (the old one has been converted into a music room), a general office adjoining a private office for the principal, a public address system, and last but not least smart new lockers for each student. The soft shades of yellow, grey, coral and green throughout, modern lighting and a generous supply of windows all contribute towards creating a bright and pleasant atmosphere. The citizens of Richmond Hill and surrounding district can be justly proud of their high school, which offers the best in instruction and teaching facilities to the young people of this area.

There will be sixteen members on the teaching staff for the coming year.

Local Softball News, Results

Markham Township League Series Tied At Two Games Each

It certainly looks as if Markham and Buttonville will have to go to the full seven games in their playoff series to decide who is the better of these two well-matched teams.

With Markham taking Tuesday's game 4-3 the series is all tied up again at two games each and the clubs are playing it close as the last three games have all been decided by a one run.

On Thursday last at Markham the local boys scraped through 10-9 or Saturday it was Buttonville's turn 6-5 at Unionville and Tuesday's 4-3 game was close enough.

In this one Buttonville scored its 3 runs in the 1st innings with Bangay and Gibson hitting homers, Bangay's wallop pushed home Bud Watson also. These three were Buttonville's first three men at the plate and it started to look like a riot but it ended for Buttonville there.

Markham got one back in the fifth and put the game away in the last of the seventh with three more. Both teams had the bases

loaded twice but could not score.

Jack Rummy pitched Tuesday's game for Buttonville and Norm Stenden the previous two on Thursday and Saturday of last week.

"Peggy" O'Neill has pitched all four for Markham.

The fifth game goes on Thursday at Unionville and the sixth on Saturday at Markham. If the series goes to seven and it looks as if it will the game is slated for next Tuesday, September 4, at Unionville.

Public School Area No. 1 Markham & Vaughan

The new Charles Howitt School at Richvale is as yet uncompleted and will not be ready for school opening next Tuesday.

Children of Public School Area No. 1 of Markham and Vaughan are asked to report to their nearest school next Tuesday, September 4, at 9 a.m.

MAPLE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT — MRS. D. ALLEN

Phone Maple 19R

Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Lambert and family have returned from their holiday at Brock's Beach near Stayner.

Mrs. John Leece, Isabelle and Eddie visited the former's mother, Mrs. Robt Beatty, Gormley, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walker and Elizabeth, Mrs. Maberley and Beverly are on vacation at Lindsay.

Carol Black of Kettleby is visiting with her cousin, Heather Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Forrest visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Robson of Gananoque.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Yake and son visited in Lindsay last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins and family of Richmond Hill visited on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hemphill.

Brigadier Colin A. Campbell of Woodbridge has purchased the Snider residence south of the school. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell plan to move here the end of October.

Wm. Alexander Quinton Wm. Alexander Quinton passed away at his late residence, Maple, on Wednesday, August 22.

He was born in Leaside in 1884 moving later to Willowdale and attending Davisville School and Shaw's Business College. He was employed for a number of years by the Metropolitan Railway and resigned later due to ill health. He then farmed until 1933 when he moved to Maple and had the mail contract until his recent death. He is survived by his widow, Flossie Marsh, son Dean of Maple and daughter Barbara, Mrs. Donald Gauthier of Drummondville, Que.

Funeral service took place Saturday.

MARKHAM: Mr. Chas. Carruthers, one of Markham's most highly esteemed residents, passed away suddenly at his home on Main Street in his 73rd year.

Owners Of Famous Dog Arrive Safely In Canada

Perra, the famous three-year-old Alsatian Shepherd is a happy dog again, for on Sunday afternoon her family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shillih, her young master, George, or Igor, the Yugoslavian equivalent, and his sister, Jane, arrived to claim her at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. MacFarlane, Boxerlane, near Purpleville.

Perra has been a pampered guest at the MacFarlane Kennel for the past three weeks and they have taken great care of her there, but they noticed that during the past week she was becoming sad and despondent. On Sunday she became joyous, which is the word used by pretty Jane Shillih to describe her reception of her own people. Perra was resting in her wire enclosure when the car bringing the Shillih's from the train drove into the driveway. She was not paying any attention to the visitors. Then George whistled softly. Perra's ears stood up, she could not believe that it could be true. The welcome was almost wild and uncontrolled. Photographers were present to catch the welcome but it was some time before she could be calmed enough to pose.

Perra had not seen the Shillih's for nearly three months. After leading them safely through the Iron Curtain from Yugoslavia to Austria, over mountains, past armed guards and their police dogs, night after night for they could only travel in the dark, she had had experiences of her own. She travelled to Holland, then to Montreal by aeroplane, was lost for 11 days in the Montreal area, rescued in a famished condition, and nursed back to health by the MacFarlanes at Purpleville. Mr. MacFarlane had been concerned about scars along her side. This is what the young master related.

"We were near the border, hiding in the woods, watching the soldier guards through our binoculars. A mountain stream was ahead and Perra was at the stream scouting. She suddenly screamed. We hid. When she came back to us her side was bleeding. In Austria we read in newspapers, we had the clippings and pictures, that a black bear weighing 350 lbs. had been shot in those woods. The tear in Perra's side matched the paw of the bear."

George and Jane are university students. After their first year of work in Canada, they hope to finish their university careers in their chosen study of Roman Philosophy. They speak English well, George, a handsome young man of 25 years, learned to speak English by listening to the BBC and by an old German method which uses Dickens "Christmas Carol" as the text. Their father is expecting to enter a firm of customs brokers, in Toronto. His prosperous transport business in Yugoslavia, was abandoned as was all the family's property and personal goods, when they decided that they could not live under communist rule. They chose Canada as their future home, and are so thrilled to be here, to be together, in this beautiful country, where they hope to live in peace and freedom. Perra will be the guest of the MacFarlanes for two months as she is still under quarantine, but she knows that her own folks are safe at last. Mr. and Mrs. Shillih and their two young people are enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane for a few days to rest after their long and arduous journey.

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Public School Still Growing 585 Pupils Anticipated

When the proverbial school bell rings out again at 9 o'clock on September 4, it will mark the beginning of another term for the pupils of the Richmond Hill Public School. The children will be returning to classrooms that are both bright and clean. This year's registration figure of 585 pupils is a steady increase over last June's figure of 535. The increased number of young children in this community is borne out by the figure of 80 children in the Kindergarten alone.

In order to accommodate this large attendance the Board has completed arrangements to occupy one room in the Orange Home plus an additional two rooms in the Municipal Hall. Children attending classes in either of these places will naturally have their usual teachers and curriculum.

Mr. Walter Scott will return once again as Principal with Mrs. R. McWhirter as Assistant Principal.

The teaching staff will be composed of the following members: Mr. H. S. Nighswander, Miss E. Huffman, Mr. J. S. Bilson, Mrs. G. McWhirter, Mrs. A. Unger, Mrs. V. Strymo, Mrs. E. Kidd, Mrs. H. Prowse, Mr. S. Orton, Mrs. O. Garland, Mrs. J. Lee, Miss M. Fockler, Mrs. K. Ferguson, and Mrs. D. Tilt. Up to the present time no music teacher has been appointed.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOMODATION

Owing to the overcrowded situation at the Public School, even with the basement room and the Auditorium being used as classrooms, also two rooms at the Municipal Hall, we of the Public School Board feel that the School Area is fortunate in securing the use of a classroom at the Orange Home, and we fully appreciate the co-operation we received from the Management of the Home in the completion of these arrangements.

The room is fully equipped, well lighted and ventilated, and is the equal of any school accommodation in this district, and parents whose children will use this room for this year can be assured that their children will be comfortable and will have every care exercised for their well-being.

Bus service will be provided so that the pupils will be taken to school and returned safely to their homes.

Children will of course, have to take a lunch to school, and the Home Manager has requested that a hot drink or soup be supplied with this meal, so our Board has arranged that this will be provided. The school grounds, 80 acres, are well equipped for recreation and sports. Our class will also have the use of the modern sound projector and films recently acquired by the Home.

The building of a new school unit will be commenced as soon as the Public School Area is able to acquire the land for a building site. This would have been done last year but for unexpected difficulties and it is our hope that by next year this new unit will be completed and the separation of our school classes will be no longer necessary.

This arrangement of our classes may be the cause of some slight inconvenience or annoyance in some particular case, but the Board feel sure that parents will appreciate the fact that this difficult situation of overcrowding has been successfully solved for the coming year.

JAMES POLLARD,
Chairman Richmond Hill Public School Board

SCHOOL OPENING

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
WILL RE-OPEN FOR THE
FALL TERM ON TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4, AT 9 A.M.

All pupils are asked to report at the Public School.
RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES
James Pollard, Chairman James Grainger, Secretary

Oak Ridges Man Escapes Injury

Wallace McKinley, 27 year old resident of Oak Ridges escaped serious injury last week when the gravel truck which he was operating was in a collision with another truck driven by George Albert Watt, 25, of Woodbridge. Mr. McKinley was thrown 40 feet by the impact but luckily landed on his feet uninjured. The mishap occurred on the Richmond Hill-Maple sideroad one mile east of Maple.

G. A. Watt, driver of the other vehicle was not so fortunate as he suffered cuts after being thrown from his truck, landing on the running board.